

Wasatch County adds pair of fire engines

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HEBER CITY — Two new fire engines have been added to the Wasatch County Fire Department fleet and Chief Jerry Davis says the department has all the equipment it needs to serve the county.

"We couldn't have a greater (fire) department than what we've got. There's not one thing that we need that we haven't got," he said.

The fire protection district added \$25,000 to a \$100,000 Community Block Grant to pay for the fast-attack fire trucks, as well as a deck gun capable of shooting water some 200 feet, to be installed on one of the larger trucks; a 3,000 gallon tank to provide a portable water supply for fighting fires where hydrants aren't installed; an electric fan for ventilating structures after fires are put out, and a gas fan that can be used if no power

is available.

The new trucks are equipped to fight fires with foam, which causes less damage than water. The foam capability also is important for cleaning up gasoline and diesel spills on the highways that cross through the county, or for fighting gasoline or diesel fires that may occur.

He said the new trucks are equipped with everything needed to fight a fire, are faster than the bigger trucks in the department, and will respond to all fires.

Davis rated the county's fire protection now as "excellent." He added that it only took six minutes from the time the firemen's beepers went off until water was hitting two recent fires in Daniels.

But he said the department will have to be expanded as the developments planned around the county are constructed.

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Wasatch County Fire Chief Jerry Davis inspects the county's two new fire engines.